

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-216 are pending in the application. Claims 57-166 have been allowed. Claims 16, 20, 24, 25, 31-33, 36, 37, 41, 42, 44, 51, 172, 176, 180, 181, 187-189, 192, 193, 198, and 200 have been amended. Claims 1-15, 30, 38-41, 53-56, 167-171, 186, 194-197, and 207-216 have been cancelled.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on March 23, 2004.

Applicants submit this Amendment after Final to secure the allowed claims and to cancel the rejected claims 1-15, 30-38-41, 53-56, 167-171, 186, 194-197, and 207-216 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

According to the Advisory Action dated February 19, 2004, claims 16-29, 31-37, 41-52, 75-88, 90-96, 101-109, 125-138, 140-146, 151-159, 172-185, 187-193, and 198-206 are objected to for being dependent on a rejected claim. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate the limitations of the base claims.

Specifically, claims 16, 20, 24, 25, 31-33, 36, and 37, which all previously depended from claim 1, have been rewritten as independent claims by incorporating the limitations of claim 1. Claims 17-19, 21-23, 26-29, 34, and 35 already depend from claims 16, 20, 25, and 33, and thus no further amendment is necessary.

Claims 41, 44, and 51, which previously depended from rejected claim 40, which in turn depended from rejected claim 1, have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 40. Claims 43, 45-50, and 52 already depend from claims 41, 44, and 51, and thus no further amendment is necessary. Claim 42, which depends

from claim 41, has been amended to clarify that the at least one additional sugar is chosen from hexoses.

Claims 172, 176, 180, 181, 187-189, 192, and 193, which all previously depended from claim 167, have been rewritten as independent claims by incorporating the limitations of claim 167. Claims 173-175, 177-179, 182-185, 190, and 191 already depend from claims 172, 176, 181, 189, and thus no further amendment is necessary.

Claim 198, which previously depended from claim 197, which in turn depended from claim 196, which in turn depended from claim 167, has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 167, 196, and 197. Claim 199 already depended from claim 198, and thus no further amendment is necessary.

Claim 200, which previously depended from claim 196, which in turn depended from claim 167, has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 167 and 196. Claims 201-206 already depended from claim 200, and thus no further amendment is necessary.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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